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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged to mostly lower throughout the country. The market tone was steady at best to barely steady, trade sentiment was cautious. Demand was generally mixed, light to good, usually fair to moderate, and was best where post-holiday refill continued or the occasional retail feature was in place. Supplies of the larger sizes were at least adequate to available and the medium and smaller sizes were generally adequate. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to ample from regular sources, and demand for additional product was limited as most dealers assessed approaching needs. Light type hens were sufficient for trade requirements.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 5 cents lower on the larger sizes and unchanged to 4.5 cents lower on mediums; in Boston, prices were 5-10 cents lower on the larger sizes and 2-4 cents lower on mediums when based on previous week averages. Prices were unchanged in New England. The market tone was somewhat cautious. Demand was fair to good as retailers restocked in some locations due to good holiday clearances. Supplies were adequate to available with larger sizes in the longest position. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate to ample. Light type hens were sufficient for slaughter requirements.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Demand was in a full range from light to good, as some stores restocked following good holiday clearances. Supplies were available for the larger sizes and closely balanced for mediums.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were unchanged to mostly lower. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. The trade sentiment was at best steady to barely steady. Retail and food service demand was very mixed ranging from light to good. Supplies were fully adequate to available for the larger sizes and mostly adequate for the balance. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Additional product demand was quiet as most breakers were assessing their needs. Floor stocks were at least adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady

CHICAGO Prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment steady to barely steady. Retail and food service demand moderate, best where features are planned or in progress. Offerings adequate to ample for trade needs.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta and Florida, prices were sharply lower. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was cautiously steady. Demand was generally fair to moderate entering the week, best for the limited feature interest. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to available. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending November 26, 1999, was 68.34 cents, unchanged from last week, but 15.98 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to ample from regular sources, and demand for additional eggs was unaggressive. Spent hen availability was fully sufficient for immediate slaughter needs.

WESTERN Prices 13 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large throughout the region; 2 cents lower on medium and small in California and 5 cents lower on medium in the Northwest. The Pacific region inventory was 7% higher than last Monday with California up 7% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 7%. Retailer demand fair. Offerings ample.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	96-98	85-87	65-67
New York	60-62	57-60	43-46
Philadelphia	58-66.5	56-64.5	42-43.5
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	49-50	47.5-49	36-37
Jackson (1)	59-60	56-57	45-46
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	57-70	54-68	41-55
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	49-54	48-53	34-39
Detroit (2)	46-49	45-48	30-33
Major Ohio Cities (2)	47-52	46-50	31-36
Major Wisconsin Cities	50-57	48-55	34-41
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	65-67	62-63	47-49
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	85	76	65
(1) - Prices reported weekly (2) - Delivered Warehouse (3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices 13 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 2 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 7% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand fair. Offerings ample. Small invoice price 45. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 89-119; smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 98, large dozen 58-99, 18 pack 138. PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

		RANGE	
JUMBO		98	
EXTRA LARGE		85	
LARGE		78	
MEDIUM		65	
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.			
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	239-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-279	EXTRA LARGE	219-239
LARGE	199-209	LARGE	189-209
MEDIUM	187-205	MEDIUM	139-189

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending December 03, 1999 will decrease by 22 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending November 26, 1999 were 324,824 cases which was 7 percent above the prior week and 14 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	292,742	32,092	324,834
% change from the prior week.....	+7	+3	+7

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Demand for additional product was very quiet as breakers were assessing current needs. Floor stocks were at least adequate to usually fully adequate. Trade sentiment cautiously steady. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	22-24	22-23
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	9-11	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Majority trading was slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for usually adequate offerings. Processing schedules were generally normal. The undertone was mostly steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) * FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 29-NOV-99

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.5-16.5	8-14.5	11.00
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Prices were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair with current processing schedules sufficient for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) * FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 29-NOV-99

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-19.5	10-14	13.34

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Nov 29,1999

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/

(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	4.9	8.9	4.9	8.1	34.6
	Change	-0.4	0.6	0.9	-1.7	2%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.2	27.3	9.5	26.2	105.5
	Change	-3.0	0.4	0.9	-4.1	-8%
Large	Curr Wk	39.1	64.2	61.6	62.5	313.6
	Change	-6.3	9.1	-9.0	-22.1	-9%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.7	25.8	10.6	20.4	89.3
	Change	-1.6	-2.3	-2.6	-0.2	-9%
Small	Curr Wk	5.2	10.2	1.7	4.9	28.3
	Change	-1.4	0.7	0.6	-0.9	1%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.1	28.1	9.6	14.6	66.1
	Change	2.2	3.7	1.1	-0.1	18%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	45.6	79.9	26.4	29.8	241.1
	Change	3.2	28.3	1.9	2.2	27%
Total	Curr Wk	138.8	244.4	124.3	166.5	878.5
Percent	Change	-5%	20%	-5%	-14%	2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	878.5	2%	165
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	460.6	8%	40

Total Shell Egg	1339.1	4%	205
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1/Information is supplied by a universe of 165.0 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15, 1999

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	162	158.9	149.9	108.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15, 1999 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	126	126	116	76

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 11/26/99

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
21.00								9.00								30.00							
SE				NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS							
CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST	ORG	DST								
GNR W 1	33.00	—		33.50	35.00	32.00	—	2.50	GNR W 1	—	35.00		—	—	—	—	.50						
GNR W 2	—	—		—	—	30.00	—	.50	GNR W 2	—	33.00		—	—	—	—	.50						
GNR W 3	22.00	23.00		—	—	23.00	24.00	2.00	GL W XL	33.00	—		—	—	—	42.00	1.00						
GNR W 4	—	—		11.00	12.00	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	34.25	—		—	—	—	40.00	3.00						
GL W LG	—	—		38.00	39.50	31.00	—	5.00	GL W MD	26.00	—		—	—	—	30.00	1.00						
GL W MD	—	—		—	—	—	—	3.00															
NRBS - 48	—	—		24.00	25.00	21.00	—	2.50															
NRBS - 45	—	—		—	23.38	19.00	20.75	5.00															
NRBS - 42	—	—		—	—	—	—	4.00															
NRBS - 39	—	—		14.00	15.00	—	—	.50															

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 11/20/99 - 11/26/99

CURRENT LOADS				60.00				FUTURE LOADS				16.50				TOTAL LOADS				76.50			
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS							
GNR W 1	36.00	—	34.50	37.21	30.00	—	11.50	GNR W 1	—	33.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.50							
GNR W 2	—	—	29.00	30.50	30.00	—	1.50	GNR W 2	—	33.00	—	—	—	—	—	.50							
GNR W 3	22.00	23.00	—	—	22.75	24.50	3.00	GL W J	45.00	—	—	—	—	52.00	1.00								
GNR W 4	—	—	11.00	12.00	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	37.29	44.50	—	—	—	46.24	5.25								
GNR BR 1	—	—	53.00	57.00	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	34.25	42.00	—	—	—	41.60	4.75								
GL W XL	—	—	—	41.00	41.57	—	4.25	GL W MD	26.00	—	—	32.33	—	30.13	6.00								
GL W LG	—	—	40.70	41.89	34.86	—	12.25	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	21.00	23.00	1.00								
GL W MD	—	30.00	20.00	—	26.00	—	11.00	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00								
GL W SM	—	—	19.75	21.00	—	—	2.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	36.00	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 50	—	—	33.00	36.00	—	—	1.00																
NRBS - 48	—	—	24.00	25.00	22.22	23.20	8.50																
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	23.38	19.00	20.75	5.00																
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00																
NRBS - 39	—	—	14.50	15.50	—	—	1.00																

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NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 11/14/99 - 11/20/99

Origin State	AZ	AR	CO	IN	IA	MI	MN	MO	NY	OH	OR	UT	TOTAL
N. CA	-	-	-	-	2,270	-	800	-	-	-	713	-	3,783
C. CA	-	-	-	-	1,440	-	-	-	-	850	2500	-	4,790
S. CA	600	860	2,601	1,770	2,721	960	2,380	4,390	720	1,620	-	1,896	20,518
TTL STATE	600	860	2,601	1,770	6,431	960	3,180	4,390	720	2,470	3,213	1,896	29,091

SHIPPED TO MILITARY: 0

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
117-120	77-80	66-69	46-49	10-13

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
54-57	45-51	43-48	28-33	21-25

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
29-31	16-18	11-13

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
64.41	51.53	39.18

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	11/22/99	11/15/99	11/23/98
PACIFIC COAST	96	96	0
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR November 23, 1999:

	CARTONS	WTG AVG
EX-LARGE	149-155	153.45
LARGE	143-150	148.24
MEDIUM	124-135	132.41
SMALL	105-109	106.29

Receipts from the mainland: 11/14/99-11/20/99
30-dozen cases 3,115

Receipts from the mainland: 11/07/99-11/7-13/99
30-dozen cases 3,656

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